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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: SOUTH AFRICA PRESS SAYS WEST  
DELIVERED NOTE ON WALVIS BAY

THE RAND DAILY MAIL JULY 20 CARRIED FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY RICHARD  
WALKER:  
BEGIN TEXT:

WALVIS BAY SURE TO BE KEY ISSUE  
NEW YORK -- THE EXPLOSIVE WALVIS BAY ISSUE  
THREATENS TO COME UP IMMEDIATELY IN THE SECURITY  
ACOUNCIL WHEN IT MEETS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH TO  
LAUNCH PHASE ONE OF THE UNITED NATIONS NAMIBIA  
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INDEPENDENCE OPERATION.  
THE WEST ALREADY HAS A DRAFT RESOLUTION PREPARED  
IN WHICH IT WOULD SUPPORT THE NEED FOR THE  
DISPUTED ENCLAVE TO BE INTEGRATED IN THE FUTURE  
NAMIBIA. IT HAD HOPED TO HOLD OFF DELIBERATION ON  
THIS UNTIL SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION IN AUGUST,  
BUT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE AFRICAN GROUP IS

PRESSING FOR A PROMPT DEBATE.

WITH SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER MR. PIK  
BOTHAS AND FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ALL THE MAJOR WESTERN  
POWERS EXPECTED TO TAKE PART, A HECTIC SESSION  
SEEMS LIKELY.

WESTERN OFFICIALS STRESSED AGAIN YESTERDAY  
THAT THE WALVIS BAY RESOLUTION WOULD BE SEPARATE  
FROM THE SWA INDEPENDENCE DEAL AND WOULD FORCE NO COMMITMENT ON  
THE REPUBLIC.

ON THAT BASIS, THEY BELIEVED SOUTH AFRICA WOULD  
NOT SCUTTLE THE AGREEMENT IN A LAST-MINUTE  
WALK-OUT. THEY HAVE VIVID MEMORIES OF MR. BOTHAS'S  
LAST APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COUNCIL WHEN HE  
STORMED HOME FROM THE FEBRUARY "PROXIMITY TALKS"  
WITH SWAPO AND LEFT THE WEST'S FOREIGN MINISTERS  
IN STARTLED CONFUSION.

BUT THEY ARE ALSO VOICING CONCERN OVER  
ANOTHER POSSIBLE DANGER -- THAT THE AFRICAN NATIONS MIGHT  
SEEK TO BLOCK MR. BOTHAS'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE  
COUNCIL.

THOUGH SOUTH AFRICA HAS BEEN IN EXILE FROM THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR FOUR YEARS, UP TO NOW  
ITS APPEARANCES IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE  
NEVER BEEN CHALLENGED. END TEXT  
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